

Assistant Secretary for Research, Development and Acquisition, Department of the Navy, Vice Admiral Thomas S. Rowden, USN, Commander, Naval Surface Forces, and Commander, Naval Surface Force, Pacific Fleet, all of the Department of Defense; and Paul L. Francis, Managing Director of Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Charles P. Blahous, III, of Maryland, and Robert D. Reischauer, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund, and a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund.

### COUNTER-TERRORISM STRATEGY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of counter-terrorism

strategy, after receiving testimony from Juan C. Zarate, Financial Integrity Network, Washington, D.C.; and Daniel Benjamin, Dartmouth University John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding, Hanover, New Hampshire.

### RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded a hearing to examine two Government Accountability Office reports regarding the renewable fuel standard, after receiving testimony from Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and Janet McCabe, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 9 public bills, H.R. 6415–6423; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 104; and H. Con. Res. 177–178 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:** Page H7119

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bost to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H7061

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. Page H7066

**Unanimous Consent Agreement:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of adopting a motion to recommit on H.R. 6392 may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20.

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**Unanimous Consent Agreement:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of adopting a motion to recommit on H. Res. 933 may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:54 p.m. and reconvened at 5:10 p.m. Page H7096

**Providing amounts for further expenses of the Committee on Energy and Commerce:** The House agreed to H. Res. 933, providing amounts for further expenses of the Committee on Energy and Commerce in the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress, by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 595, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 594. Pages H7086–95, H7096–97

**National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017—Rule for consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 937, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 2943) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, by a recorded vote of 277 ayes to 139 noes, Roll No. 597, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 596. Pages H7069–74, H7097–98

**Systemic Risk Designation Improvement Act of 2016:** The House passed H.R. 6392, to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to specify when bank holding companies may be subject to certain enhanced supervision, by a yea-and-nay vote of 254 yeas to 161 nays, Roll No. 599.

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Rejected the Maxine Waters (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 178 yeas to 236 nays, Roll No. 598.

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Agreed to:

Davidson amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–839) that prohibits the use of international standards not specifically provided in the bill.

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H. Res. 934, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 34) and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6392) was agreed to yesterday, November 30th.

**Protection of the Right of Tribes to stop the Export of Cultural and Traditional Patrimony Resolution:** The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and concur in the Senate amendments to H. Con. Res. 122, supporting efforts to stop the theft, illegal possession or sale, transfer, and export of tribal cultural items of American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians in the United States and internationally.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H7069 and H7096.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 2971 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. S. 3183 was held at the desk. S. 3386 was held at the desk.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7096, H7097, H7097–98, H7098, H7098–99, H7099–H7100. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FORCE MANAGEMENT LEVELS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN; READINESS AND STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Force Management Levels in Iraq and Afghanistan;

Readiness and Strategic Considerations". Testimony was heard from Cary B. Russell, Director, Military Operations and Warfighter Support, Government Accountability Office; General Carter Ham, U.S. Army (Retired); and Lieutenant General Jim Dubik, U.S. Army (Retired).

### EXAMINING SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND GENDER DISCRIMINATION AT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Examining Sexual Harassment and Gender Discrimination at the U.S. Department of Agriculture". Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Joe Leonard, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights; Lenise Lago, Deputy Chief, Business Operations, U.S. Forest Service; and Denise Rice, Fire Prevention Technician, Region 5 Eldorado National Forest, U.S. Forest Service; and a public witness.

### RESTORING THE POWER OF THE PURSE: LEGISLATIVE OPTIONS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Operations; and Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules, held a joint hearing entitled "Restoring the Power of the Purse: Legislative Options". Testimony was heard from Heather Krause, Acting Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a business meeting to consider an access request. The request for access was granted. The committee also adopted its Activity Report for the 114th Congress. This meeting was closed.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Government Operations; and Subcommittee on Transportation and Public Assets, joint hearing entitled "A SafeTrack?: Oversight of WMATA's Safety and Maintenance", 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.